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Corrigendum

Page 29, after paragraph 67, insert the following four paragraphs and renumber accordingly

68. One representative stressed that CSD should assume the catalytic role of rationalizing and monitoring the provisions of Agenda 21, while empowering UNEP to assume functions, particularly in those areas of Agenda 21 for which there were currently no specific executing agencies, with particular reference to biodiversity and environmental accounting.

69. Some representatives said that UNEP must be closely involved, in support of CSD, in the coordination of environmental matters within the United Nations system. That should be done through the sustainable development coordination system of the ACC and the Inter-agency Committee on Sustainable Development.

70. Another representative said that it was vitally important that UNEP and CSD should work effectively together in a complementary fashion. CSD needed information firmly based on sound science. UNEP had a central role to play in providing it.

71. One other representative said there was a need for continuing and direct political involvement in setting directions and priorities for the Commission. The forthcoming meeting of the Commission should be result-oriented. CSD should receive and assess national sustainable development plans and reports from the United Nations agencies.

Page 31, after paragraph numbered 85, insert the following paragraph and renumber accordingly

90. Another said that the Convention on Biological Diversity was of special significance, since the wealth of diversity in his country was crucial to the tourism industry. His country was in the process of ratifying the Convention and he urged others to do so.

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